

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1184 without my signature.

Protecting the health and safety of consumers living in the Agnews Developmental Center (Agnews) as they transition to the community is a top priority. The Department of Developmental Services has been working with Regional Centers, families and providers to accomplish this goal for years. Structures, such as the Bay Area Quality Management System, are already in place to support the safe transition of each consumer leaving Agnews. State and local planning efforts were strengthened further through trailer bill legislation and funding for critical health care resources.

This bill would simply duplicate existing efforts and mandate activities that can be done administratively. For this reason, I am returning this bill without my signature and directing the Health and Human Services Agency to continue to carefully monitor this transition and take action to protect the health and safety of these consumers.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger